



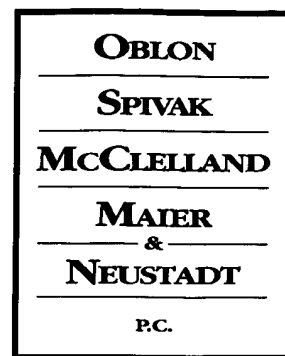
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RE: Application Serial No.: 09/810,186  
Applicants: Chieko OHSUMI, et al.  
Filing Date: March 19, 2001  
For: METHOD FOR INCREASING STRESS-  
RESISTANCE TO A PLANT

SIR:

Attached hereto for filing are the following papers:

**Preliminary Amendment and Response to Restriction Requirement with  
Marked-up copy (4 pp.)**

Our check in the amount of -0- is attached covering any required fees. In the event any variance exists between the amount enclosed and the Patent Office charges for filing the above-noted documents, including any fees required under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 for any necessary Extension of Time to make the filing of the attached documents timely, please charge or credit the difference to our Deposit Account No. 15-0030. Further, if these papers are not considered timely filed, then a petition is hereby made under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 for the necessary extension of time. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

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IN RE APPLICATION OF :  
Chieko OHSUMI, et al. : EXAMINER: COLLINS  
SERIAL NO: 09/810,186 :  
FILED: MARCH 19, 2001 : GROUP ART UNIT: 1638  
FOR: METHOD FOR INCREASING STRESS-RESISTANCE TO A PLANT

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO  
RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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SIR:

In response to the Official Action dated April 9, 2002, Applicants elect, with traverse,  
Group II, Claim 5. In addition, please amend the application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as shown in the marked-up sheets to read as follows:

B<sup>1</sup>  
1. (Amended) The method for increasing stress resistance to a plant according to  
claim(5), which comprises introducing a raffinose synthase gene into the plant body.

B<sup>2</sup>  
6. (Amended) The method for increasing stress resistance to a plant according to  
claim 5, which comprises improving raffinose synthetic activity in the plant body.

7. (Amended) The method for increasing stress resistance to a plant according to  
claim 5, which comprises excessively expressing the following protein (c) or (d) in the plant  
body:

(c) a protein comprising an amino acid sequence represented by SEQ ID NO: 1,